

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

September 22, 2011

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on September 15, 2011 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending September 21, 2011 in the amount of \$ 254,518.80 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of September 15 – September 21 , 2011
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from January 27 – September 20, 2011
- Statement of cash receipts from the Library from August 24 – August 31, 2011
- Report of Public Hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on September 19, 2011
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for August 2011

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS:

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$ 8,411,069.52 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Councilor Jackson said that is a huge number and the reason for that is the City received about \$8,700,000 from the Bond sale that occurred last week and we had to pay off the BAN (Bond Anticipation Note) which is the way we financed the debt last year. So \$6,700,000 of this goes to pay off the BAN because we have now finally bonded.

Mayor Kasprzak thanks for that explanation. Those of you who visit regularly realize that very rarely do we have over a million dollars worth of bills to pay each week. When it does it is usually an MLD bill so this one is shocking and I even took a look at it and said there was a mistake.

Councilor Calnon said well we actually got both. The BAN's in there for \$7,000,000 and the power is in there for about \$500,000.

Councilor Jackson said so \$7,500,000 of that is either electrical power purchases or bonded capital.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF MARK ROGERS TO THE OFFICE OF CITY COURT JUDGE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012; SAID TERM TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF SECTION 2104 (b) 3 OF THE UNIFIED CITY COURT ACT.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

Mayor Kasprzak said Mr. Rogers we are very proud that we all unanimously supported you for this position. You're very experienced, your fair and we all have confidence that you will do a good job beginning in January of 2012 and I want to congratulate you.

Mark Rogers said Mayor and members of the Council thank you very much and as you know I will continue to try and do a good job in the position I'm in until that time comes. I very much appreciate your support and the opportunity to talking to each of you over the last week or so about this. Thank you for your support.

Mayor Kasprzak said we know you'll do a good job, Mark, thank you very much.

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a Change Order to Project HOME-8-2009 at 7 Underwood Ave (Dumas) in the total amount of \$1,730.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. Motion to waive rule 4 for initial consideration "Request from Bill Treacy Manager MLD that Bid #2011-8-1 "46 kV Structure T882 Replacement" be awarded to Northline Utilities for the total amount of \$112,500.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Bid #2011-8-1 "46 kV Structure T882 Replacement" be awarded to Northline Utilities for the total amount of \$112,500.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion:

Councilor Jackson said this was a budgeted item they had actually estimated \$140,000 this is to replace the high voltage wire on Steltzer that was interfering with the river trail.

Mayor Kasprzak said this item has been in that Capital budget for quite some time the pole was actually originally built in 1961 so its time.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from the City Chamberlain to revise capital project H5110.17 in order to provide sufficient funding for the deck repair of the Web Island footbridge.
2. Request from Kevin Farrington City Engineer for a Change Order to Contract #2011-13 “Webb Island Foot Bridge Deck Replacement” in the total amount of \$11,808.
3. Request from Bill Treacy Manager MLD that Bid #2011-8-1 “46 kV Structure T882 Replacement” be awarded to Northline Utilities for the total amount of \$112,500. **(Move to agenda under “Other Items” Letter C)**
4. Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from July 1, 2010 to July 31, 2010 in the total amount of \$1,612.14. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .15%.
5. Request by the City Chamberlain to adjust the 2011 General Fund Budget by an increase of \$86,961 equally in estimated revenues and appropriations in order to provide funding for the unbudgeted 2011 Fire Department purchases for hose and turn-out gear funded by Federal Assistance Grants.
6. Request from Bill Treacy Manager MLD to attend the NYMPA’S Semi-Annual Meeting in Syracuse, NY from October 18-19, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$285.
7. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for three Police Officers to attend the “118th Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference and Law Enforcement Education and Technology Exposition” in Chicago, IL from October 22 - 26, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$8,863.00 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture fund (travel expense).

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Jackson said I enjoyed the Rockeater adventure race. It was a great event and I look forward to it happening annually.

Mayor Kasprzak said Councilor Tiffer participated which was good for the team, I hope it was good for you.

Councilor Tiffer said yeah absolutely, it was great to see that many people at the beach in September.

Councilor Jackson said the beach looked great with all the trouble we’ve had with Irene and flooding and everything else, the actual beach looked terrific it looked really nice.

Mayor Kasprzak said Recreation did a good job with the Mike Brodi's assistance and his crew to get not only this event set up but also through out the summer as well. We had some challenges as everybody knows out there and I think we faired very well and we look forward to some better and bigger things next year out there.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:38 pm